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# THE INTRODUCTION OF THE ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES ACT OF 2002

## HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 24, 2002*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, Monday was Earth Day, marking the 32nd anniversary of an annual commemoration that has served a very useful purpose. I have chosen to commemorate Earth Day Week by encouraging this Congress to do more to protect the earth every day. I am introducing the Academic Excellence and Environmental Sciences Act. My bill seeks to encourage academic rigor in scientific education by beginning at the lower grades through the study of the environmental sciences and the use of hands-on recycling.

The bill would provide grants to local school systems to encourage them to include in their curricula scientific ideas based on conserving the natural resources children see around them and hands on recycling to make vital connections between knowledge and practice.

This bill has two important goals. The first comes from the difficulty of imparting and explaining scientific ideas and concepts, some of them fairly abstract, to elementary school children, and holding their interest. As a result of this difficulty, in the elementary grades, children are often relegated to "play science" that does not prepare them for later scientific learning.

Second, I believe that hands-on recycling will help children cultivate habits that conserve our resources at the same time that it will help concretize their interest in science and their understanding of scientific concepts. By the time many youngsters are exposed to science in high schools, large numbers of them have lost interest or simply are unready for the rigors that are necessary to become proficient.

We are starting too late to capture and hold the interest of our children in science. The country loses because of the reduced pool of scientists and scientific experts. Increasingly, many of the places for science study in our colleges and universities are occupied by young people from abroad, who come here to study science because this country has the best science in the world. Part of the impetus for my bill comes from my experience in recruiting our own D.C. youngsters to the U.S. military academies. I am pressing my own school system, the D.C. public schools, to begin science and math at earlier years so that children acquire a lasting interest in science and become prepared for the rigors of the military academies and other colleges.

Although the major emphasis of my bill is scientific education for young children, I also hope to encourage recycling approaches. I believe that recycling techniques involving children—saving papers and crushing cans and discussing where these materials come from and why they degrade, etc.—will help give meaning to the teaching underlying scientific ideas. Children may be the best messengers for recycling and for saving the environment

for future generations. They are the real environmentalists in this society. They have the greatest stake.

If we want scientists, we had best get them before they are turned off, even before junior high school; otherwise they are off to computer games or cable and other interests. If we want to save the environment, we had best begin with our children.

# COMMENDING DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA NATIONAL GUARD, THE NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU AND ENTIRE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FOR ASSISTANCE PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO TERRORIST AND ANTHRAX ATTACKS OF SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2001

SPEECH OF

## HON. ALBERT RUSSELL WYNN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 23, 2002*

Mr. WYNN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H. Con. Res. 378, commending the District of Columbia's National Guard, the National Guard Bureau, and the Department of Defense for their assistance provided to the United States Capitol Police following the terrorist and anthrax attacks of September and October 2001.

The events of September 11 and the subsequent anthrax attacks, increased dramatically the daily workload on U.S. Capitol Police Officers, requiring them to work longer days under difficult conditions. The heightened state of emergency, coupled with the increased need for counter terrorism training, resulted in the deployment of the D.C. National Guard to patrol the Capitol complex with Capitol Police Officers. The National Guard men and women, I am proud to say, stepped up to the plate and performed admirably. The combined efforts of the United States Capitol Police and National Guard secured the symbol of our Nation, the U.S. Capitol, for Members of Congress, Congressional employees, and most importantly, the American people.

As a cosponsor of H. Con. Res. 378, I will vote in favor of this resolution that gives credit where credit is due—to the National Guard and U.S. Capitol Police. I urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

# PERSONAL EXPLANATION

## HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 24, 2002*

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, due to a delayed flight to Washington, DC from Michigan, I did not arrive in time to cast votes last night. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on the Dooley Motion to Instruct Conferees on the Farm Security Act, H.R. 2646; "yes" on the Baca Motion to Instruct Conferees on the Farm Security Act; and "yes" on the Keeping Children and Families Safe Act, H.R. 3839.

# TRIBUTE TO DR. WILLIAM P. SEXTON

## HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 24, 2002*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, It is with great pleasure and admiration that I congratulate Dr. William P. Sexton, of South Bend, Indiana, as he retires after more than thirty years of devoted service to the University of Notre Dame. I can truly say Dr. Sexton is one of the most dedicated, distinguished and committed citizens I have had the pleasure of knowing. Dr. Sexton will be retiring from the University on June 30, 2002. Notre Dame has certainly been rewarded by the true service and uncompromising loyalty he has displayed to its students, alumni, and community.

A native of Columbus, Ohio, Dr. Sexton earned his bachelor's degree in business administration, his master's degree in industrial management, and his doctorate in administrative management and behavioral sciences at Ohio State University. Dr. Sexton began his teaching career at Notre Dame in 1966, where he taught courses specializing in organizational development, corporate strategy, human behavior and group dynamics.

Dr. Sexton, professor and former chair of management and administrative sciences, currently serves as Vice President for University Relations at Notre Dame. In his role he oversees the University's efforts in community relations, publications, and special events, as well as the Notre Dame Alumni Association and Notre Dame Magazine. Under Dr. Sexton's direction, the University is engaged in the most successful capital campaign in the history of Catholic higher education, which already has surpassed its goal of \$767 million.

During his years at Notre Dame, Bill Sexton has demonstrated a sincere love for the community in which he lives. While he has dedicated considerable time and energy to his work, he has always made an extra effort to give back to the community. He has volunteered his time to champion many causes aimed at bringing comfort to those in need of assistance. Throughout the years, Dr. Sexton has served in many different leadership positions and has been very involved in several organizations including: South Bend's Center for the Homeless, St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center, and the Logan Foundation. Additionally, he has conducted numerous management seminars for U.S. government agencies, hospitals, and religious communities and has served as an advisor to several not-for-profit health care systems.

Though Dr. Sexton is dedicated to his career and community, he has never limited his time and love for his family. He and his wife Ann, have six children and thirteen grandchildren, of whom they are immensely proud.

Mr. Speaker, Bill has truly dedicated his life to his God, Country and Notre Dame. He is one of the finest gentlemen I know. I respectfully ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating Dr. William P. Sexton for his service to the University of Notre Dame. The people at Notre Dame will surely miss his enthusiasm, but we wish him happiness and good health in his well-deserved retirement.